



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6234

LCO No. 1735

Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE UPDATING OF THE STATE BUILDING CODE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 29-252 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2003*):

4 (a) As used in this subsection, "geotechnical" means any geological
5 condition, such as soil and subsurface soil conditions, which may affect
6 the structural characteristics of a building or structure. The State
7 Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards Committee shall,
8 jointly, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, adopt
9 and administer a State Building Code for the purpose of regulating the
10 design, construction and use of buildings or structures to be erected
11 and the alteration of buildings or structures already erected and make
12 such amendments thereto as they, from time to time, deem necessary
13 or desirable. Such amendments shall be limited to administrative
14 matters, geotechnical and weather-related portions of said code,
15 amendments to said code necessitated by a provision of the general
16 statutes and any other matter which, based on substantial evidence,
17 necessitates an amendment to said code. The code shall be revised not

18 later than July 1, [1998] 2004, to incorporate such revisions adopted by
 19 the [Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc. in
 20 1996 as they deem necessary] International Code Council, Incorporated
 21 in 2001, and thereafter to incorporate any [necessary] subsequent
 22 revisions to the code adopted by said organization, [or by the
 23 International Code Council, Incorporated,] not later than eighteen
 24 months following the date of first publication of said subsequent
 25 revisions. The purpose of said Building Code shall also include, but
 26 not be limited to, promoting and ensuring that such buildings and
 27 structures are designed and constructed in such a manner as to
 28 conserve energy and, wherever practicable, facilitate the use of
 29 renewable energy resources. Said Building Code includes any code,
 30 rule or regulation incorporated therein by reference.

31 Sec. 2. Section 29-256a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

33 The State Building Inspector and the Codes and Standards
 34 Committee shall revise the State Building Code to require that
 35 buildings and building elements be designed to provide optimum cost-
 36 effective energy efficiency over the useful life of the building. Such
 37 revision shall meet the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and
 38 Air Conditioning Engineers Standard 90.1, as revised from time to
 39 time, for new construction.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2003</i>

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Joint Favorable C/R

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